GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:926
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DELIMITATION COMMISSION
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has constituted Delimitation Commission for the delimitation of all the Constituencies of Lok Sabha and State Assemblies in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the terms of reference made to the Commission;

(c) whether the Government has received any report from the Commission;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether some Members of Parliament have submitted some suggestions to the Commission;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Delimitation Commission was constituted under section 3 of the Delimitation Act, 2002 on 12th July, 2002 for the delimitation of all Parliamentary Constituencies and the Assembly Constituencies except in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. Section 4 of the said Act, inter alia, provides that the Delimitation Commission will be responsible for readjustment of the division of each State into territorial constituencies for the purpose of elections to the House of the People and to the State Legislative Assemblies on the basis of the census figure as ascertained at the census held in the year 2001.

(c) & (d): The Delimitation Commission has published its final orders demarcating the Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies in respect of States of Goa, Mizoram, Kerala and Tripura and Union territory of Pondicherry in the Gazette of India and the Official Gazette of States concerned. The Central Government has received copies of the said orders and action is being taken to lay them on the Table of the House.

(e) & (f): Yes, Sir. Five Members of Legislative Assembly and five Members of Parliament from each State are nominated as the Associate Members of the Delimitation Commission to assist the Commission in its work. In case the number of Members of Parliament from a State or Union Territory is less than 5, then all the Members are nominated as Associate Members for that State or Union Territory. The Commission holds a series of meetings with the Associate Members to finalize the draft proposals. In the process, the Commission considers their suggestions relating to delimitation of a State. Apart from the suggestions of the Associate Members, the Commission receives numerous suggestions/objections from some Members of Parliament regarding delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies as well as on the principles and procedures. All the suggestions are duly considered by the Commission while delimiting a State into territorial constituencies.

(g): The Delimitation Commission is following the procedure laid down by Parliament in the Delimitation Act, 2002.